



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5725.0593-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1751
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Application No.: 09/931,912	)	Examiner: E. Elhilo
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Filed: August 20, 2001	)	
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING	)	Confirmation No. 4343
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE	)	
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST	)	
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND	)	
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENTS AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006, the period for response having been extended two months to September 12, 2006, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.